

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 19 and ending at 19 line 13, as follows:

--Following the fixing roller 1 rotated, the pressure roller 3 and the heating film 2a of the surface heating unit 2 rotate. In addition, the ceramic heater 2b of the surface heating unit 2 is energized to heat the surface of the fixing roller 1, and the surface temperature of the fixing roller 1 is controlled at a predetermined fixing temperature. In this state, a recording material P carrying an unfixed toner image t, which is to be heated, is introduced into the fixing nip portion N1 between the fixing roller 1 and the pressure roller 3. The recording material P is brought into intimate contact with the outer peripheral surface of the fixing roller 1 and passes through the fixing nip portion ~~N~~ N1 as the fixing roller 1 rotates. During the process of passing through the fixing nip portion, the toner image t is heated via heat conduction from the fixing roller 1 and fixed. The recording material P having passed through the fixing nip portion N1 is separated from the outer peripheral surface of the fixing roller 1 at the recording material outlet of the fixing nip portion N1 and ejected.--

Please amend the Table 1 beginning at page 27, line 1, as follows.

--Table 1

	Soil	Hot offset	Fixability
Comparative Example 1	×	×	○
Comparative Example 2	○	○	×
This embodiment	○	○	○

× = unacceptable

○ = acceptable--.